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Aruban Dr. Robertico Croes authors new treatise on island economics and society "The Small Island Paradox"



Robertico Croes (right) with his brothers and sister

Top Aruban tourism executives, including Minister of Tourism, Transport & Labor, Otmar Oduber, gathered at the Van Dorp Bookstore in Dakota to welcome a fresh, informative study on the industry and its significance to small island economies such as Aruba. The book was authored by Dr. Robertico Croes, who served terms as Minister of Tourism and then Finance from 1993 to

2001. He is now Associate Professor and Associate Director of the Dick Pope Sr. Institute for Tourism Studies at the University of Central Florida, (UCF).

This book is about the search for solving the small island paradox by tracing the forces that explain growth and prosperity in small island destination," explained Dr. Croes.

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Holiday shopping is on the horizon, and MAMBO reminds all: "Don't be daunted by the roadwork in Oranjestad"

Improvements and the beautification of Oranjestad is taking a toll on several of the 133 vendors populating the storefronts on the Caya Betico Croes, popularly referred to as "Mainstreet" and the key word in the name of the town's merchant association, MAMBO. In times past, before the proliferation of shopping malls on the island, it was THE place to stroll and shop, and it is the current administration's plan to see it again become the center of fashion and commerce it once was.

Unfortunately, until that project is fully realized, the public perception that Caya Betico Croes and the shops that line it are inaccessible to pedestrians is making it very

difficult for shop owners.

Diane Flemming of Maggy's Emporium, who is Secretary for MAMBO, admits "It is a trying time for us all; we can only suggest that shopkeepers remain positive and optimistic, and creatively manage their inventory." She also reminds the public that sidewalks that line the main street are perfectly accessible, and holiday shopping time is here, with many special events and sidewalk sales planned by the Oranjestad stores. "All the traditionally favorite stores of Oranjestad, La Linda and Bon Bini Bazaar can easily be reached."



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Diane Flemming of Maggy's

Up to 1,000 feared dead as massive quake hits Turkey

VAN, Turkey (AFP) - An earthquake of 7.3 magnitude rocked eastern Turkey yesterday, with a seismological institute saying up to 1,000 people could lie dead under the rubble

of dozens of collapsed buildings.

Turkey's strongest earthquake in years struck Van, a large eastern city populated mainly by Kurds.

"Five hundred to 1,000 people are estimated to have been killed in the quake," Mustafa Erdik, director of the Kandilli seismological institute in Istanbul, told reporters.

Earlier reports had not mentioned casualties, but many were feared trapped in col-

lapsed buildings and officials warned they were struggling to assess the extent of the damage.

"There is serious human and material loss," said a brief statement from the national disaster body, which is based in the prime minister's office.

Officials said around 50 buildings had collapsed, including a dormitory.

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Biden leaves door ajar on 2016 presidential run

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US Vice President Joe Biden is not ruling out a tilt for the top job himself in 2016, although he stresses his current focus is on reelecting Barack Obama next year.

Biden, who ran twice for president before becoming Obama's running-mate in 2008, was asked in a CNN interview broadcast yesterday if he had closed the door on running in 2016.

"I'm not closing anything," replied the vice president

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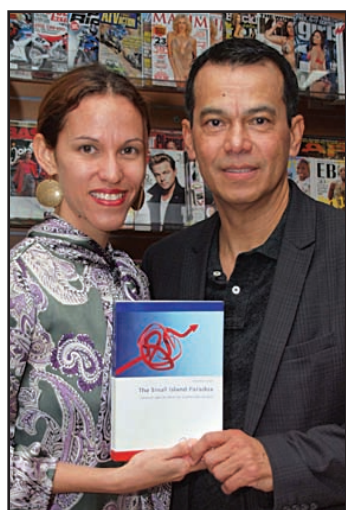
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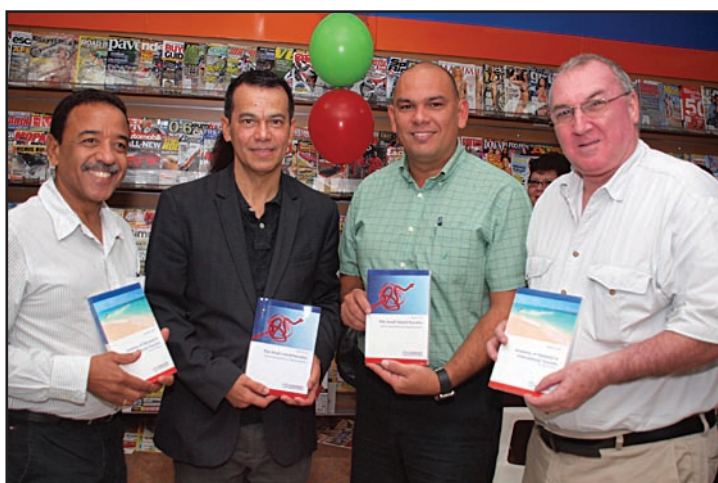
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With ATA Director Ronella Tjin Asjoe Croes

"The small island paradox is a conceptual trap; small islands cannot grow in economic terms because they are small, and they are small in economic terms because they cannot grow. The underlying premise of the paradox is that small is ugly and big is beautiful. Luckily, for small islands, their reality is different. Tourism specialization explains much of the forces that have shaped growth and prosperity in small islands. Their degree of tourism specialization utilizes these forces in seeking to promote growth...keeping the forces working that have triggered growth and prosperity has now become more complicated as a



With Rene Herde, Minister of Tourism Otmar Oduber and Jim Hepple CEO of ATA

consequence of sameness, costs disease and limitations imposed by size constraints."

His tenure in crucial government offices handling the mechanics of Aruba's prosperity has made Dr. Croes a particular voice of expertise on the subject, and his recent survey and study of the island's tourism product, which was commissioned by the Ministry of Tourism, he admits, has also been incorporated into his findings in his new book. He also authored "Anatomy of Demand in International Tourism: The case of Aruba" in June of 2010 for the same publishers, Lambert Academic, part of a multi-book contract. The books are filled with hard facts, tables

and statistics, as well as "intuitive, nuanced and enlightening extrapolations and conclusions," as described by Aruba's Director of the ATA, Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes, who has read the first, and "looks forward to reading Dr. Croes' latest issue."

Though most familiar with Aruba, Dr. Croes also examined the status of islands in the Mediterranean and Indo-Pacific basin in his study. "Small islands seem to have proven the classical and neo-classical economic thinkers wrong," he states in his book. "Not only have they grown, but they have grown faster than larger countries. Somehow, small islands acquired the forces that shape growth and prosperity for them, and this is not easy...Despite the lack of excitement or ideological harshness, small islands have been able to grow and to sustain growth. By mixing small islands, travel and growth appeared to have been a tasteful and successful recipe for small islands...they are highly specialized in tourism and travel. Over the years these small islands have spurred arrivals to achieve a critical mass supporting the domestic market and they have applied the accelerated principle where size



Inscribing a book for fans Benny and wife



and growth became mutually reinforcing," Dr. Croes surmises, based on his studies.

"The Small Island Paradox-Tourism specialization as a potential solution" and "Anatomy of Demand in International Tourism: The case of

Aruba" are available at Van Dorp bookstores, though the first copies unpacked for the launching were immediately snapped up and sold out. The books are also sold on amazon.com.

by Rosalie Klein



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“Active MAMBO members are excited and very supportive of the plan for the beautification of Caya Betico Croes,” reports Diane, “as these are only a very small fraction of all the stores, we cannot speak for everyone on the street.” MAMBO does encourage all to visit the display in the former Interbank building, which clearly outlines the final plan for Oranjestad and other areas, with tasteful artists’ renderings allowing residents and business people to visualize the improvements.

It was also explained that the government plan includes a formalized public/private partnership in maintaining

the area with an agency called the Business Improvement Department, or BID. This will allow for professionals in infrastructure maintenance, marketing and event planning to administer Oranjestad’s principal shopping district.

“Since parking was never allowed on Caya Betico Croes, the work really has negligible effect on this issue,” opined Diane, though she concedes it could stand improving. “Many are not aware that the parking lots from Aruba Bank and CMB Bank are open and free to the public on weekends and after 4:30, when the banks are not doing business. So there is

more convenient parking available than most realize or fully take advantage of.”

Oranjestad’s main street has always been a treasured gathering place and center for commerce for islanders, particularly at holiday time. Soon, festive events will be taking place every Saturday, and MAMBO reminds the community to support their long-standing members of the community doing business there though these difficult times, as well enjoying excellent bargains and a diversity of choices for their holiday shopping.

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Elwani family with Sheilah McCafferty



John and Jennifer, first customers of the evening



Donation to Casa Cuna Progresso



Sheilah McCafferty with Garesh Elwani and Ravee



Elwani Seniors with honored guest Sanju

An American classic and global icon of premier luxury leatherware since 1941, the Coach brand of designer bags and accessories has officially come to Aruba. The Oranjestad shop features several unique items from their inventory and "excellent prices" according to connoisseurs of Coach, who couldn't resist checking out the sleek and stylish store in the Renaissance Mall during the official opening on Friday evening, October 21.

It was an appropriately elegant, gala affair hosted by the Elwani family, owners of the store, and presided over by visiting Coach Brand Manager Sheilah McCafferty, assisted by Mosaic event planners. The evening attracted island glitterati and fashionistas, among them Aruba's Minister of Justice and Education, Arthur Dowers and all who came were gratifyingly impressed. Island visitors John and Jennifer from Michigan, though not on the guest list, were equally welcomed when she spotted the Coach store in the Renaissance Mall, insisting she couldn't leave the island without a visit to the new shop. They made the first purchase of the evening.

"I bought myself a leopard print bag and matching wallet," reports Jennifer, "and had to come back for another I spotted. I had taken a picture of the store on my phone and sent it to my sister, and now I can't return home from Aruba without filling orders for her, my niece and their friends!"

The Coach shop staged a "soft opening" on Friday, September 16, and its presence was met with enthusiastic response from visitors and islanders. During that first month, the Elwani's set aside a percentage of each purchase to donate to a local foundation.



warm welcome for youngest shopper

The beneficiary of their largess is Casa Cuna Progresso, a hospice and care center for children ages infant to seven years from troubled homes. Casa Cuna Director Cornelia J.G. Linssen-Beunen with staff members Soraida Chirino and Judith Maduro were very

pleased to accept a generous donation from the Elwani family to assist them in continuing their important work.

The chic new Coach store boasts a full line of their quality handbags and accessories for both genders, and visitors to the shop expressed "it has

made a shopping trip to Oranjestad one of the priorities of

our Aruban vacation."

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Divi Links Awards Breast Cancer Support Group a Generous Donation



Willem van Elderen presenting a donation to board members of Mary Joan Foundation

Recently, The Divine Nine at Divi Links hosted the annual Pink Ribbon Golf Tournament, demonstrating Divi's commitment to the local cancer awareness & support organizations.

"The pro shop," says golf executive Willem van Elderen, "has an ongoing program selling Pink Ribbon golf balls, which generates a handsome annual donation. Additionally, several sponsors including Chill and Balashi Beer have pledged a donation as well as De Palm Tours, Diamonds International and DUFY, local companies who also offered great tournament prizes and

raffle opportunities."

The tournament, in a 2 person scramble format, played 18 holes, and concluded with a gourmet barbeque cookout, on the greens, over cocktails and awards.

Golf executive Willem van Elderen with board members of the Mary Joan Breast Cancer Support Group proudly presented prizes to winners.

About 50 cases of breast cancer are diagnosed each year. Golf executive Yanel Olivero reports that the gross 1st prize score of 70 belonged to Maurice de Lisle and Liam van Ramhorst. The gross 2nd prize

score of 73 was posted by Orlando Rasmijn and Mathew Brinkman. The Nett 1st prize score of 58 went to Ruben Goedhoop and Pim Smits, followed by the nett 2nd prize score of 62 by Gian Pieters and John Grigg, with closest to pin by Karel Wever and the longest drive by Greg Martis.

The tournament collected additional Awg 1,370 during the prize presentation, and accepted Balashi Beer's check of Awg 3,000 which was combined with Awg 5,500 raised from golf ball sale and a donation of Divi employees via the Divi Impact foundation, of Awg 1,500.

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During Prime Minister Mike Eman visit at State Department

USA compliments Aruba for joint effort for peace and security

Prime Minister Eman met with Under Secretary of State Maria Otero at the United States Department of State and discussed the good collaboration of Aruba on many subject including its efforts on Trafficking in Persons (TIP)

Last week an important conference on Trafficking in Persons took place on Aruba, in collaboration with the United States Department of State.

During his visit to Washington DC, Prime Minister Eman had the opportunity to meet with Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs, Maria Otero and discussed important issues related to this collaboration. Under Secretary Otero's office coordinates a number of Global issues including environment, oceans, health and science and combating trafficking on persons.

Earlier this year, Secretary Otero launched the Trafficking in Persons report together with Secretary Hillary Clinton. In this TIP report, the Aruba Minister of Justice, Arthur Dowers was the only foreign Minister to be quoted in the report. Whereas many countries in the region fail to recognize that Trafficking in Persons affects all our communities, Aruba is tackling the issue by involving different institutions and the efforts are being coordinated in a multidimensional way, with the involvement of



all relevant actors to work not only on the prevention but also on protection of the victims and on prosecution of the perpetrators. Under Secretary Otero, was aware of the TIP training going on in Aruba and was very grateful for Aruba's collaboration in this respect.

Secretary Otero lauded Aruba for the great efforts and leadership role in the area of Trafficking Against Persons (TIP) in the region. This good collaboration manifests itself in the training that has taken place in Aruba last week, where experts in the area of trafficking in persons from the US Department of State have chosen Aruba for a training on the subject. This is because they recognize that Aruba has

a good and reliable legal system, which is an exception in the region and that they appreciated the good work that Aruba is doing to help protect the rights of victims that are treated in an inhumane way. This in addition to the great efforts that Aruba has been showing under the leadership of the new government to combat this global problem.

Aruba shows to put justice and human treatment of individuals at the forefront. Just and humane treatment is also at the base of building a strong community. Therefore this has become a priority for Cabinet Mike Eman I.

The Prime Minister committed to play a leadership role in the area of justice and human rights as he stresses the importance of this not only for Aruba but for the regional development. "We do not live in isolation, but the way our people and the people of our neighboring countries live and are treated has a direct effect on our communities. We need to do our utmost to protect our citizens and that of our neighbors."

130 Occupy Chicago protesters arrested

CHICAGO (AFP) - Chicago police arrested about 130 protesters early yesterday as they tried to camp out in the city's Grant Park in solidarity with the anti-corporate Occupy Wall Street movement.

The arrests came a week after about 175 members of Occupy Chicago were arrested for a similar act of civil disobedience.

About 1,500 protesters were gathered at the park when police warned them they would have to leave or be ar-

Patrick Swayze's widow unveils his 'Dirty Dancing' wax double



Patrick Swayze's "Dirty Dancing" character was further immortalized last week, with Swayze's widow, Lisa Niemi, on hand as the wax figure was unveiled in Hollywood.. Swayze died Sept. 14, 2009 after a battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 57.

Obama says US ready to assist Turkey

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama expressed condolences to the victims of a massive 7.2 earthquake in eastern Turkey Sunday and said the United States stood ready to assist the country's authorities.

"We stand shoulder to shoulder with our Turkish ally in this difficult time, and are ready to assist the Turkish authorities," he said in a statement.

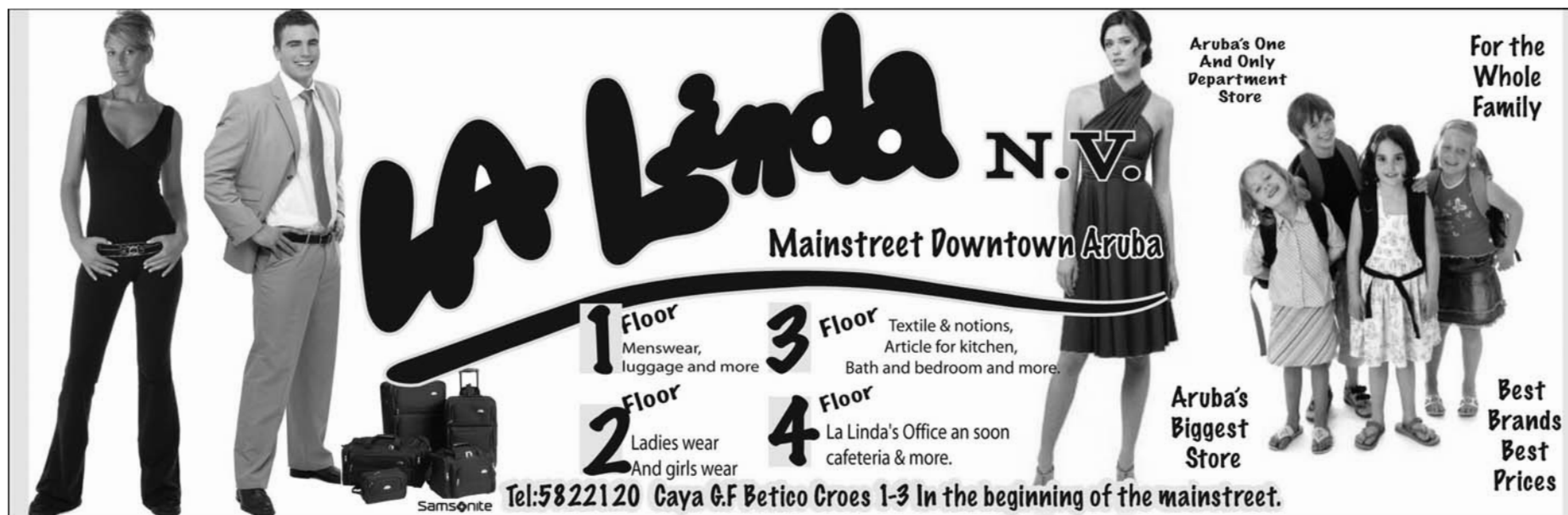


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Up to 1,000 feared dead in Turkey quake

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People rescue two women trapped under debris

At least 50 people were taken to hospital in Van and nearly a thousand people in Ercis, a district of around 100,000 people in the same region, where the most serious damage occurred,

according to media reports.

"Many buildings alongside a major street in Ercis were collapsed," said an AFP photographer at the quake scene.

"There is electricity cut

throughout district. People are using lanterns," he said.

Television footage showed panicked residents using shovels and other digging tools trying to rescue people trapped under a collapsed eight-storey building in the city center.

Search and rescue teams were using electrical generator lights to help the search for trapped victims as the night fell.

Most people spent the night outdoors, with the temperature of three degrees Celsius (37 Fahrenheit).

Six helicopters, including four ambulance helicopters, as well as C-130 military cargo planes were sent to the area carrying tents, food and medicine.

Libya's once besieged Misrata celebrates



Women celebrate the liberation of Libya at Martyrs' Square in Tripoli. Libya's new rulers declared the country freed from Moammar Kadhafi's 42 years of one-man rule yesterday, saying the "Pharaoh of the times" was now in history's garbage bin and a democratic future beckoned.

MISRATA (AFP) - Thousands of Libyans gathered yesterday in the heart of Misrata, whose fighters captured ex-dictator Moammar Kadhafi, to celebrate their country's liberation.

The National Transitional Council in its former headquarters in the eastern city of Benghazi officially declared the full liberation of Libya, clearing the way for a transition to democracy after eight months of conflict.

Men, women and children

converged on Misrata's Freedom Square singing the national anthem and waving the national flag, both of which date back to the monarchy which Kadhafi overthrew in a 1969 coup.

Some raised the flag of France in gratitude for the support it gave as part of NATO to the revolt against Kadhafi, which started in the east and escalated into a country-wide civil war.

Mexican boy, 15, named as drug boss

Cancun -- A fifteen year old boy (identity protected due to age) has admitted to drug trafficking and murder on the Mexican resort island of Isla Mujeres. The boy's nickname is "El Gallito" or "The Little Rooster."

He confessed to having full participation in carrying out these deeds, and from the start he claimed to have been in charge of drug sales in the area, and that his duties were to receive the drugs," said the spokesman, who was not al-

lowed to be quoted by name.

The boy will face homicide charges for brutally murdering the two women. He will not be tried as an adult. After the age of 18, he will be released from juvenile court.

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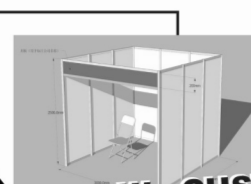
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Crowded Earth: how many is too many?

PARIS (AFP) - Already straining to host seven billion souls, Earth is set to teem with billions more, and only a revolution in the use of resources can avert an environmental crunch, experts say.

As early as 1798, Thomas Malthus gloomily forecast that our ability to reproduce would quickly outstrip our ability to produce food, leading to mass starvation and a culling of the species.

But an industrial revolution and its impact on agriculture proved Malthus and later doomsayers wrong, even as our numbers doubled and redoubled with accelerating frequency.

Today, though, it seems reasonable to ask if Malthus wasn't simply a couple of centuries ahead of the curve.

On October 31, the world's population is officially scheduled to hit seven billion -- a rise of two billion in less than a quarter century.

Over six decades, the global fertility rate has roughly halved, and amounts to a statistical 2.5 children per woman today.

But this varies greatly from country to country. And whether the planet's population eventually stabilises at nine, 10 or 15 billion depends on what happens in developing countries, mostly in Africa, with the fastest growth.

-- Diminishing resources --

As our species has expanded, so has its devouring of the planet's bounty, from fresh water and soil richness to forests and fisheries.

At its current pace, humankind will need, by 2030, a second planet to satisfy its appetites and absorb its waste, the Global Footprint Network (GFN) calculated last month.

And through the coal, oil and gas that drive prosperity, we are also emitting greenhouse gases that alter the climate, potentially maiming the ecosystems which feed us.

"From soaring food prices to the crippling effects of climate change, our economies are now confronting the reality of years of spending beyond our means," GFN's president, Mathis Wackernagel, said.

French diplomat Brice Lalonde, one of two coordinators for next June's UN Conference on Sustainable Development, dubbed "Rio+20," said Earth's population rise poses a fundamental challenge to how we use resources.

"The question is, how do we boost food security and provide essential services to the billion poorest people but without using more water, land or energy?"

This is why, he said, Rio+20 will focus on practical things such as increasing

cleaner sources in the world energy mix, smarter use of fresh water, building cities that are environmentally friendlier and raising farm yields without dousing the soil with chemicals.

But such options dwell far more on the impact of population growth than on the problem itself.

Braking fertility rates would help the human tally stabilise at eight billion and haul poor countries out of poverty, ease the strain on natural resources and reduce climate vulnerability, say advocates.

For some experts, voluntary birth control is the key.

Geoff Dabelko, director of the Environmental Change and Security Programme at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, cites Somalia as a case study of what happens when women have no access to contraception.

Racked by civil war and poverty, its population is projected to grow from about 10 million today to 22.6 million by 2050. It has the eighth-highest birth rate in the world and an average of seven children per family.

Even before the country fell into a full-fledged crisis, a third of its children were severely underweight, according to UNICEF. Ninety-nine percent of married Somali women have no access to family planning.

Many economists, though, argue that the answer lies more in reducing poverty and boosting education, especially of women.

A 2010 study in Colombia found family planning explained less than 10 percent of the country's fertility fall. The real driver was improved standards of living.



HONG KONG (AFP) - More than 1000 protesters, including pregnant mothers, marched in Hong Kong Sunday opposing the growing number of mainland Chinese women coming to the city to give birth, organisers said. Women from mainland China are keen to have babies in Hong Kong -- a city that has had semi-autonomous status within China since it ceased to be a British colony in 1997 -- because it entitles their child to rights of abode and education. Local expectant mothers, some with children in tow, marched to government headquarters in the southern Chinese city, carrying banners that read: "For Hong Kong's sake, fight for local women's right to give birth here." "Local mothers are being forced to give birth in the corridors of hospitals because mainland mothers are over-crowding our hospitals," Annie Yam, a mother of two who took part in the march, told AFP.



BANGKOK (AFP) - Thailand's hundreds of thousands of flood victims are at risk of water-borne diseases and infections, the World Health Organisation said, though no major outbreaks have been reported yet. The spread of communicable diseases such as diarrhoea, respiratory illness and conjunctivitis among displaced flood victims in shelters was a key concern, the country's WHO representative Maureen Birmingham told AFP. Flood-affected people also faced an increased risk of skin fungal infections and leptospirosis, a bacterial infection spread through contaminated water, she said.



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Aruban Javier Sint Jago wins Silver with his fantastic Nuna6 in World Solar Challenge



Teammates celebrating with Javier



The thirteen team members have worked hard for the last 18 months on Nuna6

--The government of Aruba is elated and very proud of young Aruban Javier Sint Jago, who recently came in second in the World Solar Challenge with his Nuna6 solar powered streetwise vehicle. This race was held in Australia.

The Aruba Prime Minister who has shown much interest in the Nuna6 project, called the young racer to congratulate him for his tremendous feat.

The Nuon Solar Team has worked a solid year on their solar powered vehicle so that they could have participated in the World Solar Challenge. Their hard work paid off, for they succeeded in coming in at second place in the race.

Only solar powered vehicles were allowed to participate in this race. According to the reports published around the world, there was heavy competition on the last day with lots of tension between Tokai University and the TU Delft equipment.

It is believed that, the Delft team was defeated by a very small difference. Actually,

they claim that the difference was the smallest in the history of this challenge, which has taken place now 11 times. The winner of the race is the vehicle of the Tokai University of Japan. They also won the previous edition of the World Solar Challenge. All the vehicles traveled a distance of 3000 kilometers through Australia.

Aruban Javier Sint Jago was one of the drivers of the Nuna6 vehicle. Javier indicated that he is pleased with his second place standing, although he regrets coming so close and not winning the race. He said, "...We performed expertly and yet came in second. And, we are proud, also because our vehicle performed flawless from start to finish." Javier is contemplating ways to ship his vehicle to Aruba for demonstrations.

What was a tremendous challenge for the racers was the wild fires in the woods. The winds were high, there was a tornado and towards the end there was heavy rainfall. "We experienced practically

every type of weather," said Sint Jago. He claimed that one of his greatest challenges was when he encountered heavy winds on one side of his vehicle, because his vehicle weighs a mere 140 kilos. When he had to make a right

hand turn, the wind was pushing him back to the left. That made it very difficult for him to stay on the road. But, as it stands, he succeeded with flying colors and came in an impressive second to win the silver medal.

At the end of this month the Aruba GreenConference will convene here and it would be wonderful if Javier could realize his desire to bring his Nuna6 to Aruba...and, in time for the conference.

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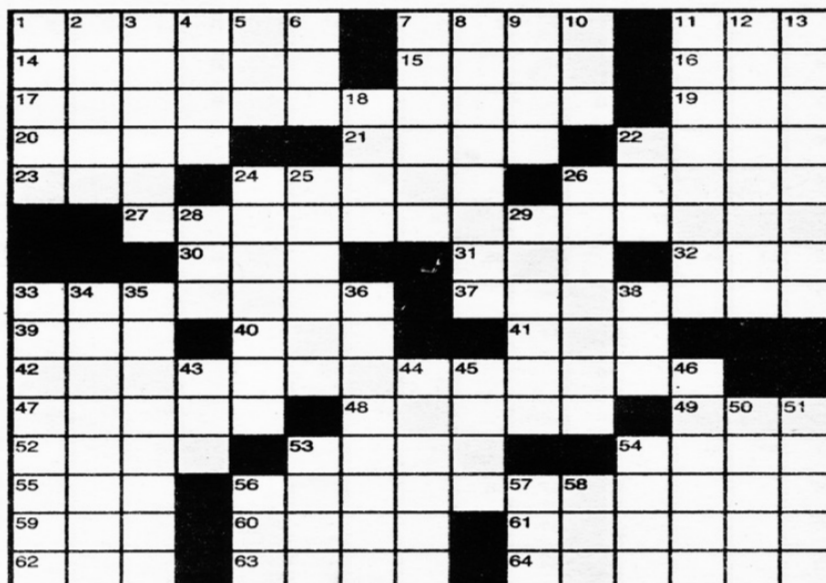
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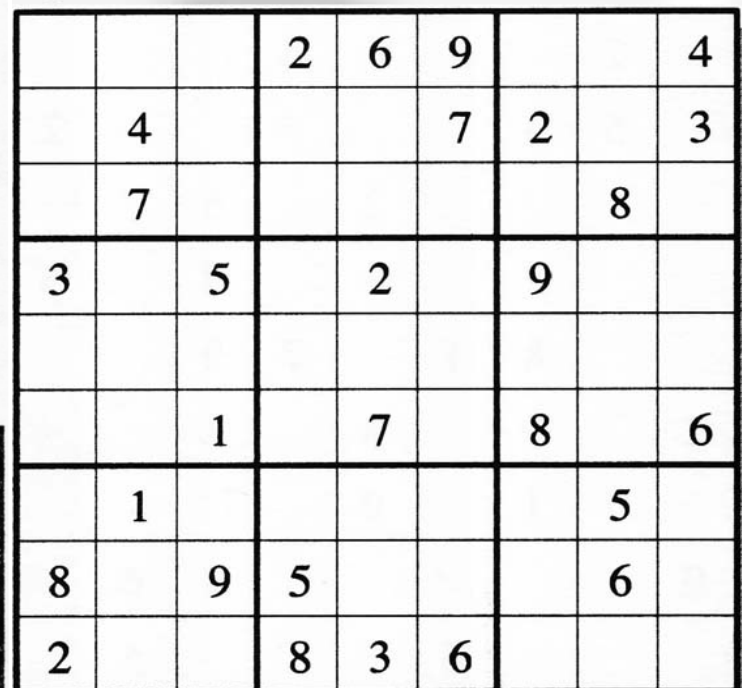
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Euro crisis rescue deal takes shape

BRUSSELS (AFP) - Europe closed in on a broad agreement yesterday to tackle the euro crisis and pressed Italy to slash its debt mountain to reassure jittery financial markets.

European Union leaders came together on the big issue -- over the best approach to take to boost the firepower of a eurozone rescue fund -- but without setting down concrete numbers.

France and Germany smoothed out disagreements on how to increase the reach of the 440-billion-euro (\$610 billion) European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF).

The outcome of back-to-back summits yesterday and this Wednesday is being keenly watched around the world as concerns have grown that the eurozone debt crisis could spark a fresh global recession.

There was also agreement to explore a re-opening of the core European Union treaty to cover closer eurozone integration, with a green light for plans to create a Europe-wide budget 'tsar' -- although non-euro states remain wary about implementation of such measures.

Eurozone-only leaders stayed on for further "technical" talks yesterday evening but no major statements or press conferences were planned.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy said many more "long hours of talks" would be needed before nailing down the definitive decisions promised at another EU 27 summit on Wednesday in order to calm nervous financial markets.

The second summit in four days was originally meant only to involve the 17 nations that share the euro single currency.

It is expected to endorse finance ministers' calculations that banks will need to be recapitalised to the tune of 108 billion euros (\$150 billion).

Speaking alongside German Chancellor Angela Merkel at a joint press conference, Sarkozy said "a quite broad agreement is taking shape on the reinforcement of the EFSF."

Merkel said a French idea for the fund to acquire a banking licence was dead and buried. That left them looking at plans to offer EFSF insurance to eurozone bond holders, and boost it with top-ups from China and other emerging nations.

How to integrate the input of non-European G20 partners waiting for a summit in Cannes on November 3-4 represented a problem for some, though.

Diplomats said offering insurance would lower borrowing rates for the likes of Italy and Spain but no concrete numbers were forthcoming.

Just in the last week, officials have revised down the potential reach of a beefed up fund from more than 2.5 trillion euros to 1.0 trillion euros.

The "leveraging" of the EFSF comes alongside a deal being negotiated with banks for them to accept a 50 percent write-off on Greek debt, in exchange for a new bailout by the EU and the International Monetary Fund.

Germany needed for domestic reasons to run any eurozone deal past its parliament's budget committee before being able to sign up to any accord.

But now non-euro nations led by Britain and Poland also want to see all the small print

first to make sure the eurozone is not taking decisions that would affect their interests.

Despite the Greek mess, Italy is arguably the bigger concern for all.

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi came under intense pressure to cut his country's deficit and debt.

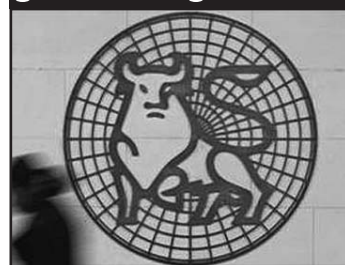
"We have to reassure investors and reassure other states," EU president Herman Van Rompuy said. "Clearly, we are asking for a major effort on the part of the Italian authorities."

Italy is carrying debts of 1.9 trillion euros -- equal to 120 percent of what the eurozone's third-largest economy produces in a year and way above the EU limit of 60 percent.

Merkel too urged "credible" cuts in Italy's debt as part of efforts to save the eurozone.

"Italy is a great economic force but Italy also has a very high level of debt and it must be reduced in a credible way over the coming years," she said. "That's what we expect of Italy."

Merrill Lynch: U.S. rating likely to be down- graded again



NEW YORK - The United States will likely suffer the loss of its triple-A credit rating from another major rating agency by the end of this year due to concerns over the deficit, Bank of America Merrill Lynch forecasts.

The trigger would be a likely failure by Congress to agree on a credible long-term plan to cut the U.S. deficit, the bank said in a research note published on the weekend.

New ideas forthcoming from Minister of Transport and IASO CEO Jorge Colindres

ORANJESTAD --

The CEO, Jorge Colindres of IASO, the company that registers offshore aircrafts for Aruba was in attendance at the recently held Conference on the Registration of Offshore Aircrafts.

Colindres reported that the process of registering aircrafts began some 20 years ago. Now with the support of the Aruba government they have embarked on coming up with ways to make this process economically beneficial to Aruba, especially for the financial sector. The spin off effect of the registration of aircrafts will bring possibilities for business, opportunities for notaries, lawyers, trust-companies and for all others involved in the registration of aircrafts.

Jorge Colindres firmly believes that if we succeed in registering 500 aircrafts, this could result in an income of 10 to 20 million Florins for the government alone. While the spin off effect could produce a whopping 100 million Florins for the island.

For this reason he advocates that this is an excellent and very significant project for the island if it is handled correctly and with the help of the government.



Jorge Colindres

Colindres indicated that one of the primary reasons companies and individuals would want to register their aircrafts here on Aruba is because of the political stability. But, also because Aruba is a 'tax efficient' island, and we have high regard for security with respect to the business of the registration of aircrafts. These, according to Colindres, are the three primary elements that clients are looking for in countries to register their aircrafts.

Jorge Colindres reported that the goal of Minister Oduber, and the goal of his company, likewise, is to involve everyone on the island in the registration process with reference to the financial sector.

This he claims is only possible if everyone in the commercial community is, indeed, involved, because this cannot be handled by one individual.

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Cas Animal Cont'd Abandoned puppies in need of loving companions



Jan Pieter with Kiki and kids and puppies



Simone and Roose with Macho and Lila

--Foundation Cas Animal was started by Kiki Arndt as part of her mission to provide a nurturing no-kill sanctuary for Aruba's stray and abandoned dogs and cats. Kiki has been rescuing animals off the streets or from being put down for over 14 years, with the ever-present hope that

some, particularly the young puppies and kittens, will find loving homes. She has facilitated numerous adoptions, with a good number of animals going off to live happily in Europe or the U.S. with a visiting tourist who fell in love and acquired a loving companion in return.

The newest additions are 3 tiny puppies, barely 4 weeks old, who will be ready for adoption in about another month, or immediately for those who wish to be part of this poignant process of saving them. They were abandoned them with 4 siblings in a cardboard box in Kiki's car, a total of 7 tiny puppies unable to fend for themselves, barely a couple of weeks old; unfortunately 4 could not be saved. Kiki did not want to take them into her refuge as she had just dealt with a bout of Parvo, and young puppies are particularly susceptible to this disease.

Kiki put out a call to all those she knows on the island who might wish to house the puppies on a temporary basis, and found a friend in Simone and Jan Pieter, who answered the call. Along with their two children Roose and Tim, they have been nursing the puppies on formula and Pedialyte; 3 survived and are thriving. Of course, having children in the house, the puppies have been given names, Blackie, Macho (the only male) and Nacho, or Lila, as Roose insists on naming this third lively and affectionate creature.

Kiki particularly wishes to express her gratitude to humane and caring individuals like Simone and Jan Pieter, who have three dogs already, or they would keep the puppies themselves. It is people like them supporting her efforts that make it all worthwhile.

Those interested in adopting a puppy or one of the more than 100 stray or abandoned dogs and cats Kiki cares for can do so by calling her at: 565-2130 or 742-8732 or to make a donation or report an animal in need of assistance, as she maintains an Animal Ambulance to rescue them. Her expenses for feeding all the animals she has taken in are astronomical, as well as her veterinary bills. Donations can be made by paying on her account at the Contreras Clinics in Shaba or Savaneta, as well as directly to the bank account of Cas Animal Foundation, CMB Bank account # 25762110. If you wish to adopt a dog, Kiki will assist you in the process, as it is much easier to return to the U.S. with an Aruban dog than you might think. If not one of the many she has needing a good home, than perhaps a lovable stray you may have befriended on the beach or streets. Donations also go towards the realization of a proper facility on land which Kiki has already been awarded by the government. It is designed to comfortably house over 200 dogs plus cats and other animals, with an on-site clinic.

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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with



town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only

construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management de-



the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260

a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an



immediate return on their investment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality

partment.

Visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

Discover the unique taste of Middle Eastern "fast food" at Yalla Yalla



A charming place to watch the world go by

Middle Eastern cuisine has its devotees, as it is very tasty and exotic, without being too spicy. Yalla Yalla recently opened its doors in the South Beach Center in Palm Beach, and if you have never tried the dishes unique to that region of the world, you are in for a treat.

Yalla Yalla literally means "fast," as these are the sort of dishes those from the region will enjoy when they want to grab a quick meal. The menu is more than reasonably priced, with a generous portion of tender Beef Shish Kabab or Shrimp Kabab, for those with a taste for seafood, costing only \$14.50.

A hefty serving of Lamb Shoarma is only \$12; Chicken Shoarma \$8, and the portions are big enough to share. Classic Middle Eastern side dishes such as Tabouleh and Hummus are served with freshly made pita bread; great for starters or a late night snack.

Yalla Yalla sports a lovely open air terrace, perfect for people watching, and is attached to the South Beach Lounge, were their singular



Beef Shish Kabab

snacks are also served.

In the mood for something a little more gourmet and interesting for dinner that won't ruin your budget? Yalla Yalla has what you are looking for: a true dining adventure in charming surroundings and delicious food that is more than a little different from the staid old menu. Dinner is served from 6:00 PM until 1:00 AM nightly.

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Sport

Aruba's pride..... Dwayne Kemp,

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On the 25th of October Dwayne and another Aruban, the first base coach of the Oranje Team, Eithel Martinus are heading to City Hall in Rotterdam to be honored by the mayor Ahmed Aboutaleb.

Then on November 11 there will be an official honor ceremony for the entire national team. For that occasion two other Aruban nationals who play in the US, Xander Bogaerts and Shawn Zarraga will travel to Holland for the special occasion.



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Pujols smashes way ...

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Albert Pujols of the St. Louis Cardinals watched after hitting his third home run of the evening in the ninth inning in game 3, giving his team a 2-1 lead in the World Series over the Texas Rangers.

The best thing to do is make that statement and ask somebody to show me one that was better. I think it would be hard to do."

The magical performance comes just two days after Pujols was criticized following

a game two loss for sneaking out the back door of the Cardinals dressing room to avoid reporters who wanted to ask him about a fielding error that contributed to the 2-1 loss.

Asked if the criticism pro-

vided him with extra motivation Saturday, Pujols said he always comes ready to compete and wasn't trying to dodge anyone.

"I left the clubhouse when nobody approached me," said Pujols who hit 37 home runs in the regular season. "I feel embarrassed because everybody is focussing on that and I was in the middle of it."

Rangers manager Ron Washington said he might have to change his game plan in game four against Pujols and walk him more.

"When the opportunity presents itself to put him on the bag I am not going to let him swing the bat," Washington said. "He just didn't miss. I saw him on TV but I will tell you, tonight was something special."

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Simoncelli dies in horror MotoGP smash

SEPANG (AFP) - Celebrated Italian rider Marco Simon-

celli died on Sunday after a horror crash that saw the Malaysian MotoGP at Sepang cancelled, in the latest tragedy to hit motor sports.

The smash occurred just minutes after the race began, when the mop-haired 24-year-old Honda rider lost control and veered across the track into the path of riders Colin Edwards and Simoncelli's compatriot Valentino Rossi.

Simoncelli, who ironically enjoyed his finest hour at Sepang when he clinched the 2008 season's 250cc title here, had his helmet knocked off in the collision, which left him face down and motionless on the asphalt.

He suffered "very serious trauma to the head, neck and the chest" and later went into cardiac arrest, MotoGP medical director Michele Macchiagodena told reporters.

"Despite their (doctors') efforts, Marco sadly succumbed to his injuries," MotoGP said in a sombre statement.

Motor sports have endured a nightmare stretch and Simoncelli's death looked certain to throw up more awkward questions over safety.

Race director Paul Butler promised a thorough investigation.

Pujols smashes way into record books

DALLAS (AFP) - Albert Pujols smashed his way into the record books Saturday by hitting three homers and driving in six runs in one of the greatest single performances in World Series history.

Pujols hit homers in the sixth, seventh and ninth innings lifting the St. Louis Cardinals to a 16-7 win over the Texas Rangers to join the illustrious company of former New York Yankees Babe Ruth and Reggie Jackson.

"It is pretty special," said Pujols, of the Dominican Republic. "Those guys are great players and to do it at that level and on this stage is amazing."

"Hopefully at the end of my career I can look back and say: 'Wow, what a game it was in game three in 2011.'"

The 31-year-old had a three-run blast in the sixth, two-run shot in the seventh and a solo homer in the ninth for just the fourth three-run home run performance in World Series history.

He joins Ruth (who did it twice in 1926 and 1928) and Jackson (1977). Pujols said he never dreamed his name would be spoken in the same breath as those two legendary hall of famers.

Pujols also set a World Series record with 14 total bases, breaking the old mark of 12 that belonged to Ruth and Jackson.

His five hits equals the World Series record, set by Paul Molitor 29 years ago. He also had hits in four straight innings.

Runs came at a premium in the first two games of the

World Series but that wasn't the case in game three which allowed the Cardinals to take a 2-1 series lead.

Pujols' most majestic moment was a towering 423-foot missile that bounced off the cement wall on the front of the upper deck in the top of the sixth inning, giving the Cards a commanding 11-6 lead.

St. Louis manager Tony La Russa called Pujols' performance the greatest in the history of Major League Baseball's championship series.

"It is the greatest of any World Series in 120 years," La Russa said. "Fourteen total bases and five hits, four innings in a row."

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Aruba's pride...Dwayne Kemp, World Champion Baseballer in the 'Oranje' Team

Aruban baseballer, Dwayne Kemp, who together with his Oranje team brought home Holland the world championship title, was received with high honors and much fanfare from the people in his barrio in Rotterdam.

Dwaynwe's father, Adonis Kemp was also a well known baseballer who in 1996 played for the Dutch team in the Olympic Games. At that occasion he was received by several hundred fans at the Schiphol Airport.

At home Dwayne was in for a pleasant surprise. His proud neighbors decorated the street with flags and balloons

and a large banner which read "...Welcome home Dwayne, 'pabien' world champion..." The 23 year old Kemp and his fellow islander are two of the few internationals to play in the Dutch competitions (Nep-tunes). Dwayne had a very promising career in the US when a persistent injury put a stop to his aspirations.

Meanwhile, his injury has been completely healed and now, armed with the world championship title, he hopes to get an offer from the US. He received an invitation from the Prime Minister of Aruba to come to Aruba

and show off his medal here. Mike Eman called Dwayne by long distance to congratulate and invite him to Aruba.

Kemp plans to come to Aruba to offer a baseball clinic to base ballers in the Aruba Little League. He was elated about the invitation from the Prime Minister. He remarked..."I miss seeing my Grandmother and now I can look forward to seeing her again." However, before leaving for Aruba there are several honor events awaiting him in the Netherlands.

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